

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method of making an intermetallic negative electrode for an electrochemical cell. One or more metal salts is dissolved in an organic solvent forming a solution to which is added a metal reducing agent to form an intermetallic compound. Thereafter, the intermetallic compound precipitates and is separated and formed into an electrode. The electrodes are useful in electrochemical cells and batteries.

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